

\$5,000 ACTION IN TROVER BROUGHT

Suit Against Knapp and Taylor for Value of Cars

Were Attached in Barney Mead Suit—
Purpose of Action to Satisfy Judgment Against Mead.

A suit in trover to recover \$5,000 was brought Tuesday against Chauncey I. Knapp and Linn D. Taylor of Brattleboro by Constable Bert A. Whittemore of Guilford. This is set up in the writ as the value of four Chalmers automobiles which were attached by Clifford E. Mann, at that time sheriff of the county, in the case of Frank L. Wellman, administrator of the estate of the late Mrs. Kate Stone of Brattleboro, against Barney E. Mead. The suit is returnable at the September term of the Windham county court and it is brought through the law office of Barber, Barber & Miller.

Mr. Mead formerly conducted a garage here under the name of the Vermont Auto Sales corporation and Mr. Taylor was a financial backer. Mr. Knapp is a constable. Following the death of Mrs. Stone, who was injured on the way here from Springfield, Mass., while a passenger in one of the Vermont Auto Sales corporation's cars, driven by Mr. Mead, Mr. Wellman brought suit for damages as administrator and was awarded \$4,000 by the county court.

At the time the suit was brought an attachment was placed on the automobiles in question by Sheriff Mann, and later they disappeared.

An appeal from the judgment of the county court was taken to the supreme court, which recently affirmed the judgment of the lower court, the judgment, interest and costs amounting to about \$1,500.

Meanwhile Mr. Wellman, the administrator, had become sheriff and Mr. Mead had gone into business out of the state. The execution therefore was placed in the hands of Constable Whittemore for service. The story of the constable's efforts to locate the cars is told in his return to the clerk of the county court, which is as follows:

"Upon diligent search throughout my precinct I cannot find either the goods, chattels or estate of the within named Barney E. Mead nor his body whereon to make service of this writ as required therein.

"I thereupon repaired to the last and usual place of abode of Clifford E. Mann, the officer who served the writ in said cause, who attached the cars as the property of the within named Barney E. Mead by taking possession thereof of the following property: One Grant Roadster automobile No. 12,956; one Chalmers 5 passenger automobile No. 72,708; one Chalmers 5 passenger automobile No. 72,713; one Chalmers roadster automobile No. 72,252 (attached under No. 9,197); one Maxwell taxi-cab automobile No. 69,440.

Upon diligent search at the last named place of abode of the said Clifford E. Mann and throughout my precinct I cannot find said Mann, nor can I find said cars attached upon said writ by him.

"I thereupon repaired to the place of business of the said C. I. Knapp on Main street in said Brattleboro and there demanded of the said Knapp that he turn said cars over to me by virtue of this writ of execution, but the persons in charge of said garage deny that said cars were in said garage or in their possession or control and refused to turn the same out for levy under this execution, and aver that said cars had been taken from said garage against the will and protest of K. E. Mosher the owner thereof by one C. I. Knapp, a constable within and for the town of Brattleboro, and upon diligent search throughout said garage I cannot find said cars.

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"Upon diligent search throughout my precinct I cannot find said Grant roadster automobile No. 12,956 nor can I find the said Waldo Rouillard for the purpose of making demand upon him for said car.

"I thereupon repaired to the office of Linn D. Taylor in said Brattleboro and there demanded of the said Taylor that said cars be turned over to me by virtue of this writ of execution, but said Taylor denied that said cars were in his possession and control, and refused and neglected to turn the same out for levy under this execution, and upon diligent search I cannot find said cars upon the premises or in the possession or control of said Taylor.

"I thereupon demanded of the Aetna Insurance company, acting upon the official bond of said Clifford E. Mann, sheriff, in the person of its agent, in said Brattleboro, Thomas T. Brittan, that said cars or the value thereof be turned over to me by virtue of this execution, but said Aetna Insurance company by said Brittan, its agent, refused and neglected to turn the same out to me for levy under this execution, or to satisfy the same to the value of said cars.

"And I now return this execution with my doings thereon into the office of the clerk of the court from which it issued, wholly unsatisfied, that the same may be there recorded."

It is claimed by the plaintiff that the four cars were taken by Messrs. Knapp and Taylor from the attaching officer, Sheriff Mann, and converted to their own use in violation of the rights of the attaching officer and plaintiff in the original suit.

AUTOMOBILE STILL MISSING

Notices Sent to Officers Concerning Mrs. May's Dodge Car, with Picture of Man Wanted.

Printed notices of the theft of a Dodge touring car belonging to Mrs. Ethel (Randall) May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Randall of Brattleboro, have been sent to officers in various towns and cities in New England, together with a picture of the man wanted in connection with the theft and two offers of rewards, aggregating \$100. The car was stolen from garage at Lakeside, Spofford lake, Chesterfield, N. H., while Mrs. May was at the Randall cottage at the lake, and no positive trace of it has been received. Following is the material on the notices sent out:

"Stolen June 28, 1919—Dodge touring car, engine No. 239507, maker's No. 184961, battery No. 2080568, Vermont number plate, 4282. Chain trend non-



STEPHEN ESTABROOK.

skid tires on rear, plain on front. When stolen, spare tire on rear, chained and fastened with a padlock. Warner lenses. Two rear fenders bent by opening of door. A reward of \$50 will be paid for the recovery of the car.

"Wanted — In connection with the above theft, Stephen Estabrook, whose picture appears above.

"Description—Light complexion, six feet tall, about 28 years old; has prominent feet; birthmark on left shoulder, scar on right knee and scar on the back of one hand. Claimed to have been a soldier and to have served in France with the 3d U. S. Inf., and to have been wounded and returned to this country on the 23d of May. Is said to have resided at one time at Worcester, Mass., near Clark college, and at one time in New York city, corner of 9th avenue and 96th street.

"A reward of \$50 will be paid for the arrest and conviction of the person stealing the car. Any information should be communicated to R. M. French, county solicitor, Keene, N. H., or Sheriff Frank L. Wellman, Brattleboro, Vermont."

DONLON ALLEGES SLANDER

Says Mabel Webster, Who Has Been Employed at Retreat, Made Derogatory Remarks About Him.

John Donlon has brought a suit for slander against Mabel Webster, both of whom have been employed at the Brattleboro Retreat, in which the plaintiff seeks damages of \$200.

The suit was brought in the municipal court through the office of Attorney E. W. Gibson and the defendant was arrested and placed in the custody of Mrs. Florence Macdonald.

Mr. Donlon alleges that the defendant made derogatory remarks about him in the hearing of Gertrude Long, which he says were untrue and malicious and as a result of which he claims that his reputation has been damaged and that he has lost many friends.

Vermont Pretends to Be Shocked.

(Greenfield Recorder.)

To read an account of Greenfield's last days under license which appeared in last Friday's issue of the Brattleboro Phoenix one might believe that the streets of this town were so thick with drunks that it was impossible to get about. The story is so far from the truth as to call for an emphatic denial in the interests of Greenfield's good name. The Phoenix takes for its source of information a former Brattleboro man now living in Greenfield, who informed them that on Saturday, June 28, he saw more intoxicated men on the streets than he had ever seen in all of his residence in Greenfield, extending over a year and a half. The real facts are that the closing days of license here were so quiet as to cause general surprise, and even on the last night there were very few cases of intoxication on the streets. Vermont need not hold up its hands in righteous horror at the wickedness of Greenfield, for were it not for Vermont trade the local liquor business would be much less in volume and the district court would have far fewer cases to handle in a year.

YEAR'S SCHOOL CALENDAR.

Opening and Closing Dates in Incorporated District Decided Upon — School Opens Sept. 3.

The calendar for the coming school year in the incorporated school district, No. 2, has been arranged and provides for the opening of school Sept. 3, which is Wednesday. The calendar follows:

Full Term.
School opens September 3, 1919.
School closes December 19, 1919.
Winter Term.
School opens January 5, 1920.
School closes March 19, 1920.
Spring Term.
School opens April 5, 1920.
School closes for grades June 18, 1920.
School closes for high school June 23, 1920.

Christmas vacation, December 19, 1919, to January 5, 1920. Spring vacation, March 19, 1920, to April 5, 1920.

Rank and riches are sometimes bound with "golden" chains, to the most menial life.

OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR CHAUTAUQUA

Principal Warren President and Moffitt Secretary

Tent on Grounds of High School Week of Aug. 21—This Year's Program Especially Attractive.

Guarantors for the coming season's Chautauqua entertainments, the week of Aug. 21, who constitute the Brattleboro Chautauqua association, met in the board of trade rooms July 10 and organized by electing officers. There was also discussion of the program, which is especially attractive this year, and of other matters pertaining to the project. No general canvass to secure guarantors has been made, and it was the sense of the meeting that the public be given an opportunity to share the responsibility for the enterprise for the public good. To that end it is probable that an effort will be made to double the present number of guarantors. The tent will be erected on the high school grounds as formerly.

Principal Julius E. Warren of the high school was elected president, Harold E. Moffitt, secretary, William L. Hunt treasurer and these three with Walter E. Bartlett and Will B. Smith executive committee. This committee will appoint other committees.

While a definite program for Chautauqua week has not been submitted the local organization already has received some information regarding the bill of entertainments, which should prove extremely interesting, instructive and entertaining.

The program on circuit B, which includes Brattleboro, will be opened by a unique company of musicians and entertainers, the three Zimmerman sisters appearing with harps. They also play the violin and piano and sing. They will be accompanied by Miss Wilma Dearborn Carter, who will give readings and song stories. In the evening of the same day Dr. Carolyn E. Geisel, who has been connected with the Battle Creek sanatorium the past 23 years, will present a clarion call to a larger and healthier life in her lecture, Just You. Dr. Geisel is a physician, surgeon, educator, philanthropist and lecturer, and has given much of her time during the past 10 years to Chautauqua lecture work.

Dr. Jesse H. Holmes, secretary of the Chautauqua association, will bring a vital reconstruction message in his lecture, The Golden Age. The Berkeley Sextette, acknowledged to be one of the most popular ladies orchestras in the United States, will furnish the entertainment the afternoon of one day.

Sergeant Ruth Farum, who was decorated by the Serbian King for service to Serbia in the war against Bulgaria in 1913, again decorated and made sergeant in the Royal Serbian army in 1914 in recognition of valiant service when Austria attacked Serbia, and received a third decoration for valor on the Serbian front against Bulgaria in 1915, will tell the story of the women and children in the war, and the reconstruction needs over there.

All lovers of the opera, Robin Hood, will find the Chautauqua entertainment of one of the evenings pleasing with Pauline Correll and Richard Bonelli on the program. The company will consist of four people, the assisting artists being Miss Ruth Collingbourne, violinist, and Gabriel Hines, pianist. The program will be of vocal and instrumental music, and Mr. Bonelli will sing Brown October Ale.

Local boys and girls will take part in the junior Chautauqua production which will be staged the last day of Chautauqua. There will be two junior leaders this year and there will be more games, more stunts, more folk-dances than ever before, and they will present the play, The Following the play Professor Panahaska's pets, which include cockatoos, macaws, Arakins, Japanese fanari pigeons, mourning turkeys, canary birds, house cats, Persian cats, a monkey and dogs, will perform, giving a miniature battle scene from the recent world war.

"Russia's Death and Resurrection" will be the subject of a lecture by Dr. George Layton Parker, who was pastor of the British-American Congregational church in Petrograd, Russia, soon after the Gapon Rebellion, living in that city and serving its people three years.

The popular American play, The Fortune Hunter, will be presented by the famous College Players. A European speaker of international distinction will be engaged to discuss the great world problem, This Town and the World, an one feature of Chautauqua week, but his name cannot be announced at this time.

Excellent leading characters, elaborate scenery and costumes and tuneful music will make the presentation of H. M. S. Pinafore a pleasing production. The Ekkhoff-Jordan company of musicians is composed of four young women, Miss Myra Louise Ekkhoff, who has a lyric soprano voice; Miss Irma Jordan, who is a cellist; Miss Marion Jordan, a flutist; and Miss Edna Jones, pianist and accompanist.

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REPORTS BUILDING SITES.

Investigating Committee on Soldiers' Memorial Name Five—Suggestion by Dr. A. I. Miller.

Sites which might be available for Brattleboro's proposed soldiers' memorial building were reported by the investigating committee at a meeting of the general committee in the board of trade rooms July 10, and then a communication from Dr. A. I. Miller of the prudential committee of the incorporated school district was read suggesting a plan which heretofore has not been made public.

Rev. D. E. Trout, chairman of the investigating committee reported that the committee had considered several properties, some of which are not now available, and he named four which the committee believed might be secured at prices which he named, or for less. These four were the O. J. Pratt lot on High street, Lindenhurst on Green street, the Congregational parish house on Main street and the H. R. Lawrence property on South Main street.

A communication was then read by Rev. Mr. Trout from Dr. Miller, not as a member of the school board but as a private citizen, embodying ideas which had occurred to Dr. Miller. As is well known the present high school building is over-crowded and it is planned at some future time to erect a new high school building on the Hines property on the south side of Green street, which the school district bought several years ago with that object in view. This would leave the present building free for the grades.

Dr. Miller suggested that it might be found feasible for the district, the village, the town, and the community fund to erect jointly a building or set of buildings on the Hines property to be used as a high school and as a community center under such regulations as would insure to the public the same privileges that would be afforded by a community building on some other site not connected with a high school.

This, he believed, would be advantageous to everybody concerned as it would be located in practically the center of population and would have the assurance of being perpetually used, whereas some memorials fall into disuse through waning interest. His idea contemplated giving up the High street primary school building.

Dr. Miller had not made any investigation to determine whether the plan could be worked out, but offered the idea merely as a suggestion, and nearly everybody present spoke in approval of the idea.

It was voted that the executive committee appoint a committee of five to thoroughly investigate Dr. Miller's suggestion and report to the general committee at a later meeting. George L. Dunham, chairman of the general committee, presided.

BRATTLEBORO MAN INJURED.

George C. LaSares of Bradley Corporation in Farren Hospital as Result of Auto Accident.

George C. LaSares, inventor of toys for the C. E. Bradley corporation, was injured in an auto accident several hours Friday and received several cuts and bruises as the result of an automobile accident about 6 o'clock on a curve about a mile south of the Barnardston hotel on the Greenfield road. He was taken in an ambulance to the Farren hospital in Montague about 10 o'clock.

Mr. LaSares, who was alone, was driving south at a rapid rate and was on the left side of the road. Another car coming north on the same side of the road, also being driven fast, forced Mr. LaSares off the road. As he left the road he struck a telephone pole, breaking it off and shoving the base of the pole over. The front end of the car was smashed badly, but the machine did not tip over. Mr. LaSares was rendered unconscious and was taken to the home of Ora Martin, nearly across the road from the scene of the accident, and Miss Julia Hale, a nurse who lives nearby, gave first aid, and Dr. W. H. Pierce was called.

Mr. LaSares received a cut over one eye, a cut on one cheek and another under the chin, all of which required stitches to close, the bone of one knee was laid bare and he complained about his back. It is thought that his chest came in contact with the steering gear, but Dr. Pierce said that unless there were internal injuries he would recover.

The ambulance arrived at the Martin home about 10 o'clock, but before he left Mr. LaSares regained consciousness and said he was hurrying to Springfield, where his wife was ill in a hospital and where his mother also was ill.

The driver of the other car did not stop and no one knows who he was. The LaSares car was driven to Barnardston village and stored under orders of the Barnardston selectmen.

Mr. LaSares came to Brattleboro from Springfield, Mass., last fall to work for the Bradley corporation.

HAY CROP ABOUT AVERAGE.

May Forecast Was for Bumper Crop, but Dry Weather Prevented — Corn and Potatoes Promising.

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TOWNSHEND VOTES TO LEASE SEMINARY

Will Convert Leland and Gray Into High School

Unanimous Vote—School Will Receive State Aid as Well as Income from \$25,000 Endowment Fund.

Leland and Gray seminary in Townshend, which for many years has furnished a substantial education to many young men and young women of the West River valley will not again open as a seminary, but will open as a junior-senior high school at the beginning of the next school year.

This was determined at a special town meeting in Townshend Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, which was largely attended and was unanimous in its action. The meeting was called to see if the town would vote to lease the seminary buildings and grounds of the trustees.

Henry Bond of Brattleboro, president of the trustees, stated the case to the voters, and when he had finished these were remarks by several Townshend men, all of whom favored leasing the property and insuring a continuance of the school, which means much to Townshend.

It was brought out that the income of the \$25,000 endowment fund was insufficient to maintain the school, in view of the constantly increasing costs, and there was a question as to whether it could be carried on any longer as a private institution.

By converting it into a public school and receiving aid from the state through a municipal situation would be relieved and the expense to the town probably not the future of the institution made secure, being much if any more than it is now.

After thorough discussion it was voted to lease the school property of the trustees for the purpose of establishing a junior-senior high school. The trustees agreed to pay for needed repairs, insurance, etc., and to pay in the income from the endowment toward maintaining the school.

The state has agreed to give aid to the amount of \$1,400 the first year if necessary, and thereafter according to the needs. The amount available the first year from the endowment, after repairs have been made, will be about \$600, and thereafter the income to the town will be \$1,000 to \$1,200.

For tuition the town has been paying \$30 a year for each of its pupils in the seminary, and it is believed that this saving will offset any expense that the town will be called upon to pay by reason of the new plan.

The school committee was authorized to act for the town in executing a lease with the seminary officials.

It is felt by everybody concerned that the right thing has been done and will result in lasting benefit to the community of which Townshend is the center.

VANDERBILT BUNGALOW.

Brattleboro Men on Putney West Hill — Farm Leased by Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt and Family.

Ervin M. Holden of this village and Daniel W. Harris of West Brattleboro are in Putney building a bungalow to be occupied by employees of Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt of New York and Newport, R. I.

Reginald Vanderbilt is one of the millionaire Vanderbilt family, and Mrs. Vanderbilt has leased the old John Lovell place of Gustaf White on West Hill, about four miles from Putney village, where she and her daughter and servants are occupying more or less this summer. The place is known as Weymouth farm.

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